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DEVELOPER WANTS TO BUILD AN 8-STORY CONDO IN OLD TOWN BAY ST. LOUIS



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An artist's conception of the eight-story condominium project Murphy Land Holdings is working on for downtown Bay St. Louis.

BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAGER

The Bay St. Louis Planning & Zoning Commission was scheduled to conduct a hearing Wednesday on a parking variance for a proposed eight-story condo project on Beach Boulevard in Old Town.

The developer — Murphy Land Holdings — wants to put the parking for the condo a half-mile away from the property, which is currently owned by Mississippi Power and is located right next to the Murphy family's Dan B's Restaurant. The Murphy family has said it would operate a golf cart shuttle service to and from the parking site for condo residents.

Currently, the city's zoning for the C-1 Central Business District property would require at least 36 parking spaces at the site.

Jeremy Burke, zoning administrator for the city, said in a memo to the Planning & Zoning Commission that

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THE DAILY

GRIND

A behind the scenes look into Hancock County's businesses

BY CASSANDRA FAVRE
STAFF WRITER

On Jan. 12, which also happens to be National Hot Tea Day, Michelle Nichols, owner of the Gardenia Tea Room in Waveland will celebrate her first year of business. "I love the reception that we've had," Michelle said. "I love people's support of what we do. That means so much to me when you work hard on something, particularly when you're not really sure what kind of response you're gonna get. The support sort of validates the risk. That feels really good. I'm very proud of this."

ELEVENSES:
TEA SERVED AROUND
11 IN THE MORNING

WITH A LIGHT SNACK
(SOURCE: NPR)

Michelle was born and raised in Bay St. Louis.

The only time she didn't live in Bay St. Louis was when she lived in New Orleans for four years right after she married her husband Issachar.

The family currently lives in Kiln, where they moved after Hurricane Katrina.

Michelle has a background in investment sales, but when she had her first daughter Sydney, Michelle said, she wanted to be a stay-at-home mom.

Prior to Hurricane Katrina, Michelle said her husband and father-in-law ran a vocational school in New Orleans

which focused on training people in computer programming, repair, etc.

"Of course, New Orleans sat under water for who knows how long and with that, he lost his job," she said. "Of course, they lost their business and our home was gone. So we just found ourselves, like many others, in a really odd predicament."

They lived in a FEMA trailer for a while on their property in Clermont Harbor until their found their home in Kiln in 2006.

At the time, while Michelle said she didn't

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'Tea for Two' in Waveland: The Gardenia Tea Room Celebrates a Year of Tea Time



PHOTO BY CASSANDRA FAVRE | SEA COAST ECHO
Gardenia Tea Room owner Michelle Nichols pours a cup of hot tea at her tea room in Waveland.

Willie Moody named Waveland's 2023 Employee of the Year



PHOTO COURTESY OF ARIANA MOODY

Waveland's Parks and Recreation Director Willie Moody was named the 2023 Employee of the Year.

BY CASSANDRA FAVRE
STAFF WRITER

During its first meeting of the new year, the Waveland Board of Mayor and Aldermen recognized Parks and Recreation Director Willie Moody as 2023's Employee of the Year.

"It's a person who we can count on every day," Waveland Mayor Jay Trapani said. "He wears many hats for the city."

Trapani also named six firefighters with the Waveland Fire Department as December's Employees of the Month.

Trapani said they were tasked with a project that involved going street to

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Coastal Environmental aims to launch subscription recycling program

BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAGER

Coastal Environmental Services is working to launch a new subscription recycling program for the cities of Bay St. Louis, Waveland and Diamondhead. The company, which handles waste disposal throughout Hancock County, is asking residents to sign up for the recycling program.

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors voted to stop paying for recycling as of Oct. 1, 2023, in order to avoid having to raise millage, and determined that the county's three incorporated cities could pay for their own programs, if they wished.

The program would not be available for people living in the unincorporated areas of Hancock County. Under the new program, participating residents would be billed \$33 per month directly by Coastal Environmental Services.

The company said it needs a minimum of 1,500 residents inside the city limits of Bay St. Louis, Diamondhead and Waveland by March 1 in order to launch the program.

If the minimum amount of residents sign up, each

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Let the good times roll!

Carnival season begins on the Coast



ECHO FILE PHOTO
Scenes from last year's Nereids parade.

BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAGER

It's time to laissez les bon temps rouler — last Saturday, Jan. 6, marked Twelfth Night, which signaled the beginning of the 2023 Carnival season, and there are plenty of Mardi Gras activities planned in Hancock County.

This year's Hancock County and Pass Christian-area parades include:

- Saturday, Jan. 27
Pass Christian Carnival Association Parade, 1 p.m.

Starts at the stop sign at J.P. Ladner Road at the Vidalia intersection, travels down J.P. Ladner Road, turns right on Ed-

win Ladner Road, then right on Vidalia back to J.P. Ladner Road.

- Saturday, Feb. 3
Krewe of Kids, 11 a.m.

The parade will follow its traditional route, starting in front of Dunbar Village in Bay St. Louis for a toast with the elders there, then down Dunbar to Leonhard, loop around, then travel back up Dunbar.

This year will mark the 45th year for the Krewe of Kids parade. The krewe is seeking candidates for king and queen ages 5-12. Please send candidates' information to Lisa Cowand, 1005 Dunbar Ave., Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 by Jan. 22.

- Sunday, Feb. 4
Krewe of Nereids, noon

The parade will begin at Drinkwater Blvd. in Bay St. Louis and travel down Hwy. 90 toward Waveland Avenue, finishing at Auderer Blvd.

The Krewe of Nereids will celebrate its 56th Carnival Ball and After Party on Jan. 20 at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum.

- Saturday, Feb. 10
Krewe of Diamond-head, noon

The parade starts at noon from City Hall and turns onto Gex Drive. It turns left onto W. Aloha

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LADNER SWORN IN



PHOTO SUBMITTED
District 46 Mississippi Senator elect Philman Ladner was sworn in on Tuesday, January 2, 2024, in the presence of his wife Susan, and children Jaden, Xander, Aubree and Taylon. District 46 covers portions of Hancock and Harrison counties.

Local artist featured at Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

The Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum is proud to feature the fine art collection of Watercolor Artist Herb Willey, Jan. 8 to March 29, 2024.

A public reception will be held on Thursday, Jan. 11 from 5:30-7 p.m.

All are invited to attend and meet the artist while viewing the exhibit.

Selections from this exhibit will be available that have not been offered previously.

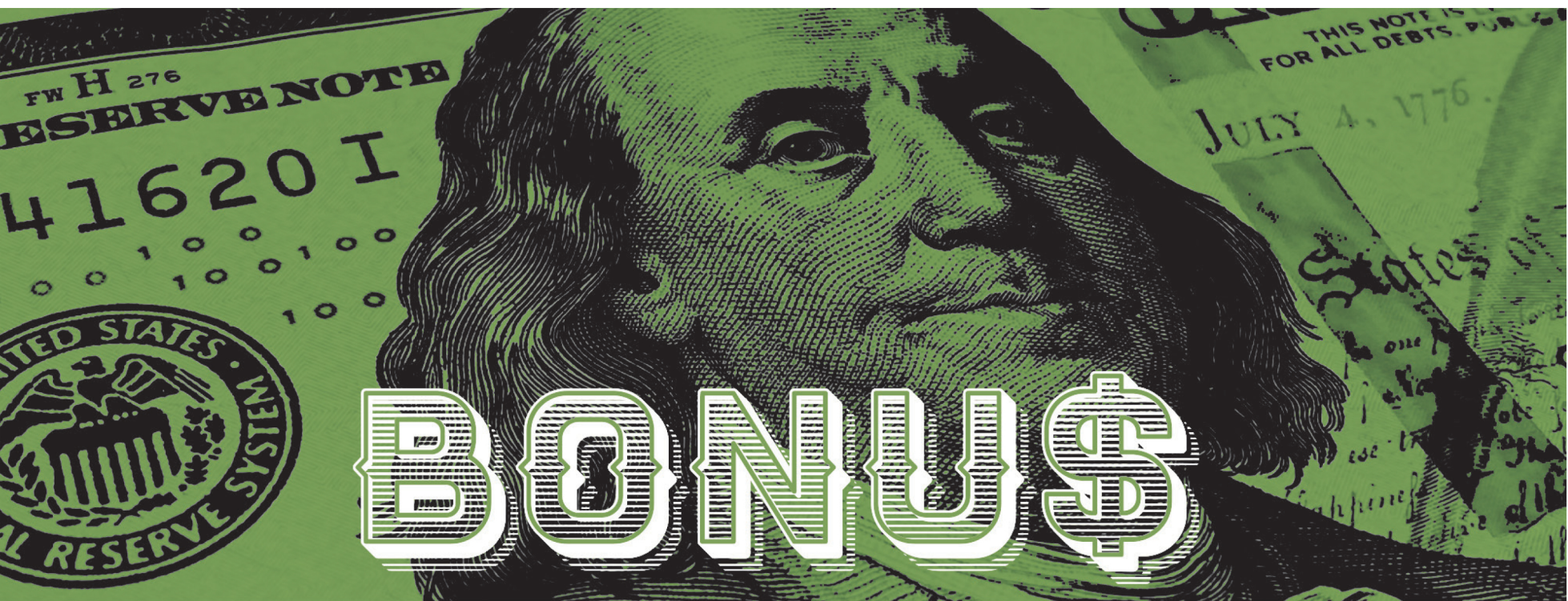
The Museum is located at 115 E. 1st St. in Biloxi

With Mississippi as his home nearing a quarter century, Waveland resident Herb Willey is revisiting his views

“Along Beach Blvd” where one can truly experience the beauty and essence of the Gulf Coast. His transparent watercolors and subjects captured reveal the richness and often hidden characteristics that make our area unique.

Herb's art journey found its beginning in more distant locales. Having majored in fine art at USL in Lafayette, LA, and studied art on a part-time basis at the university of Hawaii while serving as a U.S. Naval Airman, Herb

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Community

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Program and parade honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. scheduled for Jan. 15



ECHO FILE PHOTO
Each year, community organizations and leaders gather to host a parade in honor of the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

BY CASSANDRA FAVRE
STAFF WRITER

Gulfside Assembly, along with several community partners, is host-

ing a celebration honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on Monday, Jan. 15.

Gulfside Association, Inc.'s Executive Director Cheryl Thompson said the day's celebration will begin at 10 a.m. with a program at St. Rose de

Lima Catholic Church, located at 301 S. Necaise Ave., Bay St. Louis.

The program will feature a performance by the St. Rose Traditional Choir, a children's choir, and a liturgical dance performance by some of the community's young adults. Sammy Hawkins will speak about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and his achievements.

After the program at the church, the youth will lead a parade from the church to Martin Luther King Park in Bay St. Louis at 11 a.m.

After the parade, there will be a less-structured program at the park featuring the youth, Thompson said, and Ethyl Harrington will be the featured speaker. There will also be free hotdogs and drinks.

Coordinators will also be conducting voter registration, she added.

Thompson said it's important to celebrate the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., whose work had an important impact on the civil rights movement.

She said he was able to organize other organizations for the cause, including the NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People), SNCC (Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee), and other community groups such as the Poor Peoples Campaign to fight the discrimination and formulate the fight for equal rights.

"Dr. King said, 'No one is free until we all are free,'" Thompson said. "We have to tell each others' histories and how it's impacted all races and move forward. We have to know it and we share it with our children that the struggles continue."

Community partners include: St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church; Helping Hands organization, Waveland; Valena C. Jones United Methodist Church, Bay St. Louis; Holmes Chapel United Methodist Church, Pearl-rington; First Missionary Baptist Church, Bay St. Louis; Krewe of Real People, Bay St. Louis; and 100 Women organization.

Parade participants can also register the day of the parade, Thompson said. They welcome walkers, golf carts, cars, floats, marchers, etc.

For more information about participating in the parade contact Thompson at 228-206-1750 or Sandra Price at 228-493-3822.

Black Arts Invitational - Call for submissions

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

The Arts Hancock County would like to invite you to participate in our 2nd Annual Black Arts Invitational Art Exhibition and Sale. REG Today - <https://hancockarts.org/event-5528132>

In Celebration of Black History Month, The arts, Hancock County will host events throughout February highlighting Black artists and their artwork. The art Exhibition and sale will focus on connecting with contemporary black artists in Mississippi, Louisiana, and Alabama.

The show will be installed from February 15th to March 9th

Opening reception and Awards Presentation on February 15th 5 - 7p

This Juried Invitational is open to Central Gulf Coast (Mississippi, Alabama & Louisiana) artists 18 and older. Only original work created in the last five (5) years and not previously shown at The Arts, Hancock

County will be accepted. All forms of media are eligible, including 3D and video, with a limit of four pieces per artist for submission and consideration.

All submissions will be reviewed based on the aesthetic and technical skills of the artist.

All applicants will be notified regarding acceptance by February 2, 2024.

Accepted artwork must be delivered to Hancock Arts on February 8, 9 10 or 13 during the hours of 9a - 4p

I M P O R T A N T DATES

January 26, 2024 at 11:59 PM: ENTRY DEADLINE

February 2, 2024 via email: NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE

February 8, 9, 10, or 13 from 9a - 4p: DROPOFF DATES

February 15, 5:30 - 7p: SHOW OPENING, AWARDS & RECEPTION

February 15 through March 9, 2024: ART

SHOW period

March 10 - March 15: ARTWORK PICKED UP

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

All artists must register their participation here. All artwork must be submitted in.JPG format saved at 300 dpi (if using iPhone, send at highest resolution) and must not exceed 2000 pixels in any direction, or MP4 videos that are no longer than one minute in length. Artists may provide up to two separate images for each work submitted.

All photos of submissions must be emailed to Hancockarts@gmail.com with Black Arts Submission in the subject line no later than the Jan. 26 deadline.

Artists may submit up to 4 individual works for consideration. Entry titles must be labeled as such:

First and last name
Title
Medium
Size

Price

Artists may submit an artist statement and price their work(s) for sale if desired, otherwise mark NFS. Hancock Arts, a 501c3 organization, charges 30% commission on all art sales during the show.

Please visit our website at www.HancockArts.org to learn more about our organization. We hope you will accept our invitation to participate in this event.

Please pass this invitation along to others who may be interested.

For questions contact hancockarts@gmail.com or 228-342-4521.

All unsold artwork must be picked up by March 15, otherwise becomes the property of Hancock Arts.

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later formed his own advertising design company in New Orleans where he worked as a designer for many well-known New Orleans businesses for over 40 years.

Herb's work focuses on Gulf Coast subjects and has been featured in numerous solo shows along the coast from Louisiana to Alabama. His paintings have appeared in juried shows nationally and internationally including International Watercolor Society Global shows in Malaysia, Taiwan and Hong Kong. Some of the more prominent local shows included a two-month show at Eastern Shore Art Center in Fairhope, AL; a month-long exhibit at the Mobile Art

Council Gallery; and a three-month show at the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Campus in Long Beach, MS.

Mr. Willey has been recognized in many events including the Louisiana Watercolor Society and Gulf Coast Art Association member shows and received special Coastal Art awards



PHOTO SUBMITTED
Herb Willey

at the Ocean Springs Art Association annual member shows in 2022 and 2023. He was the only coast artist chosen for the prestigious Mississippi Invitational at the Mississippi Museum of art in 2021. In 2017 he was chosen to judge the annual juried member show for the Watercolor and Graphic Arts Society of Mobile, AL.



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TEA

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want to go back to work full time, she wanted to find something that would only require her to leave her daughter for a short period of time.

A friend of hers cleaned houses and asked her if she wanted to take a house cleaning job.

“I went and interviewed with a lady who lived on Main Street, she was an artist,” Michelle said.

And that’s when she started cleaning house for Scott and Sandra Bagley.

AFTERNOON TEA:
SERVED BETWEEN
3 AND 4 P.M. WITH
FINGER SANDWICHES
AND A SELECTION OF
SCONES, CAKES, AND
MACAROONS

(SOURCE: NPR)

“So, because she (Sandra) was an artist, when Arts Alive rolled around for that year, she had her art on display in her home,” she said. “We did more than the usual stuff to make sure everything was right. We had a conversation about the fact that she couldn’t find things to serve. I was a big foodie. I was big at throwing dinner parties for my friends and family. It was a hobby of mine and I loved it. I love to entertain. And so I said, I’ll tell you what, I’ll bring a few things for you. I made an onion version of the mini quiche and I didn’t have enough mini pans. So, that was how she paid me, she bought the pans that I needed. It went really well.”

When she went back to clean the Bagleys’ home, Scott, who served as president of the Hancock County Historical Society at the time, spoke with her about catering for the society’s luncheon.

“I said I didn’t know,” she said. “I knew I could do it size-wise because I did it a lot.”

So, she said, she decided she would cook lunch for the society and has since January 2007.

“Once I started the luncheon, I started getting requests for catering,” Michelle said.

Soon after, Almost Home Catering was born.

She also started catering luncheons for the Hancock County Library System, as well as the annual gala.

Her popular catering menu included: Jambalaya, bourbon pork chops, grits casserole, crab dip, and the graze



PHOTO BY CASSANDRA FAVRE | SEA COAST ECHO
Michelle Nichols, owner of the Gardenia Tea Room, said going to tea is her idea of pampering.

table.

“Food for me is a communal thing,” Michelle said. “I love when it’s done that way. I was the buffet girl. I love that people could find where they fit in and get their fill of whatever made them extremely happy. So that was a big part of how we served when we did the catering.”

Michelle left catering in search of something less time-consuming.

The society and the library’s annual gala are two of the only catering jobs she kept.

HIGH TEA:
BEGAN WITH THE
LOWER CLASSES IN
BRITAIN, WHOSE TEA
TIME HAD TO WAIT
UNTIL AFTER WORK,
AND IS SERVED WITH
HEARTIER FOODS

(SOURCE: NPR)

Her first experience with tea service was at Windsor Court in New Orleans, which Michelle described as one of the “epitomes of luxury.”

“I don’t have any sisters,” she said. “My husband has five. And one of the things that we started to do after I married him was his sisters and his cousins, pretty regularly we could go to tea. It was a normal thing, it was a thing that we did. Over the years, there’s been quite a few tea rooms, so we just made our circuit of the city (New Orleans) and try a different tea room.”

Michell said going to tea time was something that really resonated with her.

“I love tea,” she said. “I love going to tea. I love the idea of being pampered. It was my pampering. So, when it came time for me to pull away from the catering, I always had this dream. I had two dreams: A bed-and-breakfast and a tea room.”

It was perfect timing, Michelle said, because her daughter Sydney had just completed her mas-

ter floral design certificate.

“So, we thought, you know what, is this something we could do together?” she said.

Michelle said she had been looking for a location for a tea room prior to a trip to Washington, D.C.

“When we looked at this building, we had the lady show it to us, and we thought, ‘this is so cool, I think we should totally do it,’” she said. “But, we were leaving out of town and she had somebody else looking and I just wasn’t ready to pull the trigger at that point in time.”

So, they went on their trip and decided that if the building was still available when they returned, then they would take it.

However, someone did decide to take the building, which Michelle said they “mourned it all the way to D.C. on a train.”

But, when they came home, they discovered the initial deal fell through and the building was still available after all.

Michelle signed the lease in November 2022 and opened Jan. 12, 2023, which is also National Hot Tea Day.

“It’s amazing that we’ve come as far as we have in that one year,” she said. “The look of the place is different. We’ve added to the tea menu. We learned initially that we don’t have a whole bunch of hot tea drinkers in this area. It wasn’t necessarily something people were familiar with. We have sweet tea, we have the coffee, we have hot chocolate and we have lemonade for the kids. We want everybody to be happy when they come in, but we also want to encourage them to try a little bit. And that usually works. They usually find something that they like. You’re going to find our menu has a ton of herbals on it. Because we thought, well, let’s try

some of these cute fun flavors and get people to try those on it and then maybe graduate.”

Which is where the idea for the try-a-new-flavor-on-the-cart came to fruition.

“What we like to do when people come in, each person picks their tea flavor,” Michelle said. “If there’s other people in the house that pick other tea flavors, when I come back to refill, you get the choice of anything I have brewed for the day. We typically do the speciality flavor of the week so that will be automatically brewed anyway. My thought is, you never know when you’re going to find your new favorite.”

Michelle said people from all over the state and beyond come to have tea at her place, which includes groups and private party bookings.

“I couldn’t be happier,” she said. “And they love it. They leave saying they’re going to come back and tell their friends. It sort of sustains itself, because people are recommending it to their friends. It’s calm and laid back and they get to laugh and talk. It’s just relaxed.”

Many of the plates and tea cups Michelle uses are anniversary gifts and other gifted items from her friends. She also finds the serving ware at thrift stores, flea markets, and consignment shops.

“I have people bring me pots and cups all the time,” she said.

There are two different options for tea service.

The Gardenia Afternoon Tea includes six sandwiches; six savories; two scones; four mini-desserts with tea selection of choice.

The Petite Gardenia Afternoon Tea includes four sandwiches; four savories; three mini-desserts; one scone; and tea selection of choice

For the tea drinkers 12 and under, there is the



PHOTO BY CASSANDRA FAVRE | SEA COAST ECHO
The Gardenia Afternoon Tea option.



PHOTO BY CASSANDRA FAVRE | SEA COAST ECHO
Patrons can also purchase fascinators at the tea room.



PHOTO BY CASSANDRA FAVRE | SEA COAST ECHO
Scones are served with cream and lemon curd.

Mini Gardenia Afternoon Tea which includes two sandwiches; two mini-savories; two mini-desserts; one scone and tea selection of choice.

Guests can also come in for tea and scones as well as purchase frozen take-home scones and bagged loose tea.

Michelle offers a variety of teas from three different purveyors: Harney and Sons; Simpson and Vail; and Elmwood Inn.

The Gardenia Tea Room

is located at 314 Hwy. 90, Suite 104, Waveland. They are open Thursday through Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m.

For more information and to make a reservation, visit www.gardeniatearoom.com, call or message for a reservation at 228-332-2334, and follow Gardenia Tea Room by Almost Home on Facebook and Instagram.



PHOTO BY CASSANDRA FAVRE | SEA COAST ECHO
At left, Michelle serves a variety of teas from Harney and Sons; Simpson and Vail; and Elmwood Inn. At right, sandwiches and savories adorn the top tier including. Sandwiches include, cucumber, chicken salad, egg salad, turkey, roast beef, and pimento cheese. Savories include, shrimp paste on toast, mini crab quiche, spinach and artichoke phyllo cup, cucumber cup with smoked salmon moussé, cranberry pecan cheese ball, and salami rose.



Opinion

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CONSERVATION CORNER: WILD, SUSTAINABLE FOOD

Many sportsmen have wondered, “Why do people not understand that hunters and anglers help to maintain a sustainable food source while also helping the environment and ensuring a food source for generations to come?”

Unfortunately, hunters, and sometimes anglers, are usually painted in an unfavorable light by people who do not understand what being a true sportsman really means. Hunters are projected to be cold-hearted killers that kill for the fun of it. While it is true that some hunters hunt for the thrill and choose to ignore laws and regulations, a true hunter is a sportsman with a purpose.

Many people today throw around the word “sustainable,” without realizing that that’s how it was in the old days. Sustainability wasn’t a fad—it was a way of life. People raised cows, chickens, and hogs, and grew corn and a few other grains and had gardens approaching an acre in size. And it wasn’t because they wanted to; it was because they had to.

Everyone that bemoans hunting and fishing should seriously think about their arguments against it. If laws were passed to prohibit what is now the legal taking of wild game, then animal populations would explode—which wouldn’t lead to more freedom for animals and humans alike but rather to the starvation of these animals. Starvation would occur because there would not be enough food to go around, leaving the animals more susceptible to parasites and diseases. Obviously, these animals would suffer from malnutrition and eventually, death.

Thanks to the many reports and books that have been written on the subject of altered food sources, many people that were once against hunting are now re-thinking their positions. As scientists work to “enhance” our foods, they actually change its nutritional value. For instance, studies have shown that the antibiotics and steroids used to make foods bigger and better have an impact on our overall health.

As author Michael Pollan noted, “How did humans manage to choose foods and stay healthy before there were nutrition experts and food pyr-



GUEST COLUMN
BY JAMES CUMMINS

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Hancock History: Stephen Ambrose

One of the most popular and well-known American historians of the Twentieth Century was a University of New Orleans history professor that retired to Bay St. Louis in 1995, Stephen Edward Ambrose (1936-2002). Ambrose was a member and guest speaker at luncheons at the Hancock County Historical Society. He wrote an introduction for Robert Scharff’s iconic history of Hancock County entitled “Louisiana’s Loss, Mississippi’s Gain.” Ambrose was an inspiration for our local, county narrative historians as well as countless other UNO students, scholars, and fellow faculty.

Ambrose is best known in academic circles for his biographies of Dwight David Eisenhower and Richard Nixon, and his histories “D-Day,” “Band of Brothers”, and “Un-

daunted Courage.” Ambrose and fellow UNO professor, Gordon H. “Nick” Mueller, co-founded the National D Day Museum. In 2003, this museum was designated as “American’s National WW II Museum” because of its enlarged scope and mission. This museum is a must-see tourist attraction, which has been visited by many of the inhabitants on the Gulf Coast.

Stephen Ambrose was born in Lovington, Illinois in 1937 and reared on a family farm there. Ambrose did not serve in the military. In college he was initially a pre-med but was attracted to the study of history by one of his professors and role-model, William B. Hesseltine. Ambrose acquired his PHD from the University of Wisconsin-Madison under Hesseltine.

Ambrose was a dis-

tinguished history professor at the University of New Orleans (previously LSUNO) until his retirement in 1995, at which time he moved to the Baie. He and Mueller put the UNO History Department on the map with the establishment of the Eisenhower Center that supported interviews by Ambrose of American and Allied soldiers, airmen, and sailors who were veterans of World War II (WWII). Ambrose’s eye witness accounts and the history he collected during his collaboration with President Eisenhower were the foundation of his best seller about the D-Day invasion of Normandy and other WWII subjects. One eye witness account was acquired from Captain James W. Keating Sr. regarding the Italian Campaign. Keating wrote a history entitled “An American in Italy: Remembering



HANCOCK HISTORY
BY JAMES KEATING M.D.

World War II.” Ambrose requested of Keating that his account be included in his UNO Eisenhower Center Oral History and Book Collection.

Ambrose persuaded Mueller to build his dream WWII museum in 1990 in New Orleans. Ambrose recalled a story from his conversations with President and Supreme Commander Ei-

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MS House Weekly Summary

On January 2, 2024, the Mississippi State Legislature began the first session of the new four-year term. Per the Constitution of the State of Mississippi, the first session of every term is scheduled to last 125 days, as opposed to 90 days. This is to accommodate inaugurations, new committee assignments and procedural matters like choosing parking spaces and offices.

House members took the oath of office on the first day before the election of Speaker of the House and Speaker Pro Tempore. As part of the House Rules, both positions and the House Clerk are elected by the members and are sworn into office on the first day of session. Representative Jason White (R – West) was elected Speaker of the House after previously serving as Speaker Pro Tempore. Former Local and Private Chairman Manly Barton (R – Moss Point) was chosen as Speaker

Pro Tempore. Andrew Ketchings was re-elected as House Clerk for his fourth term.

Members also had to elect fellow representatives to serve on both the Management and Rules committees. All members split into the four Mississippi congressional districts and nominate members to serve on these committees. Both committees are comprised of two members from each of the congressional districts, as well as the Speaker and the Pro Tempore.

Speaker Jason White announced several new House committees, including a major change to Appropriations. There will be four new standing committees (Appropriations B, Appropriations C, Appropriations D and Appropriations E), and these will each be comprised of eight members from the main Appropriations Committee. The Chairman of Appropriations will also serve as an ex-offi-

cio voting member of the four committees. Each committee will be tasked with a portion of the state budget. Other new committees include Business and Commerce, Housing and State Affairs.

Six statewide elected officials were sworn into office by Chief Justice Michael Randolph before a joint session of the House and Senate on Thursday, January 4. The joint session also re-elected Steven Parks as state librarian.

The inauguration ceremony of Governor Tate Reeves is scheduled for next Tuesday, January 9 at 10:30 a.m. before a joint session of the House and Senate.

Early Wednesday morning, officials received a bomb threat to the Capitol, and the building was evacuated. The Mississippi Department of Public Safety conducted a thorough sweep of the premises and gave the all-clear around 11 a.m. A similar threat was made on Thursday morning to the



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By State
Representative Brent
Anderson

Capitol, Mississippi Supreme Court and some Hinds County buildings. Mississippi was one of several states that received a bomb threat, and the FBI announced these were all hoaxes.

The Capitol was overflowing with guests this week due to inaugurations. Visitors to the Capitol are always welcome to meet with their legislators and witness the legislative process.

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Arrests logged at the Hancock County Justice facility from January 2 to January 8 appearance on the jail log is not indicative of guilt, merely a record that an arrest has been made.

ECHO STAFF
Timothy P. Haney, 43, contempt of court failure to appear
Kevin J. Walsh, 53, receiving stolen property; grand larceny
Jaclyn M. Tingstrom, 31, misdemeanor possession of controlled substance; civil commitment-no criminal proceeding
Thomas D. Moran, 69, DUI 2nd conviction
Gerdi N. Seals, 28, contempt of court failure to appear x 2
Haley M. Guill, 27, contempt of court failure to appear x 2
Alfred G. Tallent, 50, felony possession of controlled substance
Jabriel R. Alexander, 21, simple domestic violence simple assault x 2
Louis J. Smith, 28, contempt failure to ap-

pear payment hearing
Aaron B. Newell, 36, contempt of court failure to appear payment hearing
Noah B. Estay, 25, felony possession of controlled substance; controlled substance to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense or possess with intent to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense x 2; felony possession of controlled substance
Patricia L. Carter, 52, DUI 1st offense
Norman L. Archer, Jr., 59, trespassing
Christopher Peters, 24, contempt of court failure to appear
Steven L. Reinchuck, 67, felony possession of controlled substance
Solomon P. Johnson, 36, misdemeanor possession of controlled substance
Jessica L. Kennedy, 40, misdemeanor possession of controlled substance; possession of paraphernalia

Destiny M. Tullos, 38, felony possession of controlled substance x 3
Jennifer R. Cunningham, 39, shoplifting
Joshua K. McCraney, 46, felony possession of controlled substance x 3; tampering with physical evidence
Ashley N. Berry, 34, controlled substance trafficking x 2; controlled substance to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense or possess with intent to sell, barter transfer, manufacture, distribute, dispense x 3; child contributing to the neglect or delinquency of a child felonious abuse and/or battery of a child
Rufus G. Charles, 27, burglary
Carrie A. Goodlet, 49, shoplifting; trespassing
Jason L. Cassagne, 52, DUI causing serious injury
Andrew R. Fallo, 48, disorderly conduct; drunkenness/profanity in public place
Thomas D. Moran,

69, DUI
Jerry B. Douglas, 27, contempt of court failure to appear payment hearing
Steven D. Parker, 53, hold MDOC; felony possession of controlled substance
Najai D. Nutall, 20, felony possession of controlled substance
Mark D. McGinnis, 61, DUI
Joshua A. Trauth, 39, felony possession of controlled substance; probation violation
Taylor R. Passantino, 35, contempt of court failure to appear
Kunyel T. Vaughn, 19, contempt of court failure to appear
Nikole M. Garcia, 22, contempt failure to appear
Leon J. Delorette, III, 62, misdemeanor possession of controlled substance; possession of paraphernalia
Lanny J. Schwartz Jr., 47, trespassing; malicious mischief

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• CONDO

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“The administration recommends denial of the variance request,” since the city has never granted a 100 percent parking variance; and because the proposed parking for the condos is a half-mile away.
Multiple property owners in the downtown area have written letters to the commission recommending the variance be denied.
“There are so many reasons why this is not a good idea,” Larry Lagasse wrote. “Years ago when beach front condominium development began in Panama City, Florida, variances were given away freely. The result was hat the entire beach front was blocked from view by high density high-rise developments.”

Connie Travis Voight, writing on behalf of the Density for Dollars group, said that if the variance is approved and the condo built, “we become no better than Gulf Shores or Orange Beach. ... We absolutely lose the small vibe that attracts tourists to our shores. Coming down Main Street, all you’ll be able to see is a building. The beach will not be visible.”
Louis M. Kyriakoudes and Lisa Eveleigh wrote that “Allowing such a large building with no provisions for parking amounts to offering private developers a public subsidy, as residents in the new building will park on the street, the public parking deck, the marina and other public parking spaces that are provided for customers traveling downtown to patronize our businesses. ... Such a development would lead to increased traffic, diminution of the value of

our property, and an overall degradation of the quality of life in the neighborhood.”
Ray Murphy, president of Murphy Land Holdings, told media last week the project would be good for the people of Bay St. Louis.
“The more money we put into the community, the more tax break they should get,” he said. “That’s the way it should work. And most of these people (living in the condo) won’t be full-time residents, they’ll probably sub-let their condos. As far as density goes, this is it for downtown Bay St. Louis. This is the only available property for this. And once it’s done, it’s done.”
Regardless on the outcome of Wednesday’s hearing, the project would still need another variance. Currently, the city only allows buildings as high as 50 feet, not eight stories.

• FOOD

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amids or breakfast cereals promising to improve your child’s focus or restaurant portions bigger than your head?”
While the ultimate benefit of hunting and fishing is the reward of natural, healthy food that is put on our table, there is more to hunting than just eating. Ask any

hunter or angler about their adventures and you will be in for a treat. Hunting is an adventure shared with friends and family; whether it is restoring and enhancing habitat, planting a food plot, scouting the perfect field, gathering the necessary tools, complaining about the weather, sharing in the excitement of the hunt, or sitting down with family and friends to enjoy a crackling fire in the fireplace

while eating fresh grilled duck, hunting is a bonding experience that all should be so lucky to share in.
James L. Cummins is executive director of Wildlife Mississippi, a non-profit conservation organization founded to conserve, restore, and enhance fish, wildlife, and plant resources throughout Mississippi. Their website is www.wildlifemiss.org.

• HISTORY

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senhower in the 1960’s when Ambrose was editing Ike’s political and military papers. It was then that Eisenhower astonished Ambrose with his comment that “Andrew Higgins was the man who won WWII for us, because we had no boats anywhere at the outset of the war that could land men over an open beach.” New Orleans shipwright Higgins Industries built 12,000 landing craft and other boats critical to the Allied effort on D-Day.
The most popular single work of Stephen Ambrose was “Undaunted Courage: Meriwether Louis, Thomas Jeffer-

son, and the Opening of the American West (1996),” That history book stayed on the New York Times best-seller list for 126 weeks. The book represented a biography of Meriwether Lewis who was a secretary to President Thomas Jefferson. Lewis and William Clark were commissioned to lead an expedition up the Missouri River to find a “Northwest Passage” through the Bitterroot Mountains in Idaho for future pioneer settlers to migrate to the Pacific Northwest. Stephen Ambrose lived in Bay St. Louis later in retirement until his death in 2002 at age sixty-five from lung cancer. George McGovern claimed that “He (Ambrose) reached more readers than any other historian in our national history.”

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Obituaries

• ANGELA JACKSON DANIELS
• LARRY JOE LEWIS
• LESTER L. MITCHELL, JR.

• MARILYN ELLEN (TAYLOR) SKLADZIEN
• DARRELL TOMPKINS

Angela Jackson Daniels

Funeral service will be held Saturday, January 13, 2024 at 12 Noon at Waveland Cemetery for Angela Jackson Daniels age 66 of Pensacola Fl., who passed away Sunday December 31, 2023 in Pensacola, Fl.

Angela joined Macedonia Baptist Church at an early age. She enjoyed being around family, friends and watching horror movies. She attended Bay High School. Work at Stennis Space Center for many years and the Bay High School

System.

Angela was preceded in death by her mother, Pauline Jackson Harrington, one sister, Patricia Goff and one brother, Larry Jackson.

She leaves to cherish her memories of one son: Danny Jackson Sr., of Waveland, MS., two grandsons: Danny Jackson Jr., of Pensacola Fl. and Jacob Jackson of Fargo, ND., two special granddaughters: Shae Raymond, of Kosciusko, MS., Victoria (Mayers) Dotson, of Gulfport, MS., three sisters: Linda Williams and Robin McCants all of Pensacola,



Fl., and Cynthia Simpkins of Waveland, MS., and one brother: Bishop Earl Terry of Bay St. Louis, MS., four great grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Larry Joe Lewis

Memorial service will be held Saturday January 13, 2024 at St. Mark

A.M.E. Church, 741 DuFour Rd., Waveland, MS., at 10 am., for Larry Joe Lewis who passed away at home Monday

December 25, 2023. Baylous Funeral Home in charge of arrangement.

Lester L. Mitchell, Jr.

Lester L. Mitchell, Jr., 67, of Ellisville, passed away on Friday, Decem-

ber 29, 2023, at Forrest General Hospital in Hattiesburg. He leaves to cherish his memories, his wife, Krista Kay; sister, Mia; brother, Mark;

and a host of nieces and nephews. Serenity Funeral Services of Hattiesburg is in charge of the arrangements.

Marilyn Ellen (Taylor) Skladzien

September 4, 1926 - December 28, 2023

Marilyn was born at home in New Orleans to Beatrice and Earl Taylor. She was the second of three girls and the last surviving child. She was preceded in death by both her parents; her husband, Peter; her sisters, Beverly Guste and Audrey Taylor; her daughter, Suzanne and son-in-law, Terry. She married Peter Laurence Skladzien at St. Louis Cathedral on February 14, 1953. She is survived by five children, Lorrie, Raye Ellen, Peter Jr., Mary Ann (Andrew) and Marilyn (Andrew). She has nine grandchildren, Dane, Kyle (Megan), Jennifer (Shane), Christopher, Suzanne, David, Alexandria, Elizabeth and Theo; two great grandchildren, Victor and Ayame, and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

She spent her school years at St. Anthony and several years at New-

comb College. She pursued her dream of traveling and became an airline stewardess with C&S Airlines where from 1950-1953 she traveled to Jamaica, Cuba and the southeast United States. She retired when she married and had six children. She spent her motherhood years helping in the schools and being a Girl Scout leader for her girls, and a cub scout leader for her son and chaperone for numerous school trips.

She traveled extensively after the death of her husband and managed to see most of Europe during her visits to her daughter in Switzerland and parts of Australia when she went to visit her son down under. She traveled North America in her RV and managed to see most of the east coast. Her one regret was that she never managed to make it out the west coast.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, January 11, 2024 from 6:00 – 7:00 pm at Riemann



Family Funeral Home, 9113 Kiln DeLisle Road, Pass Christian, MS 39571. A second visitation will be held on Friday, January 12, 2024 at St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 4640 Canal St, New Orleans, LA 70119, starting at 1:30 pm, and the Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 2:15 pm. Burial will follow at Greenwood Cemetery.

Memories and condolences may be shared at www.riemannfamily.com

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to an animal charity of your choice since mother was a lifelong animal lover.

Darrell Tompkins

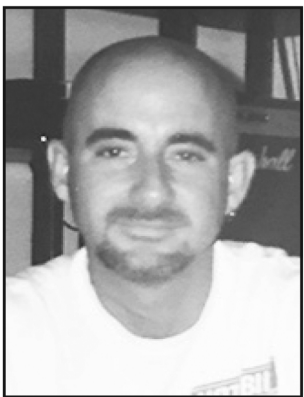
Darrell Tompkins, 63, a longtime resident of Gulf Breeze, FL passed away in his home on November 27, 2023. He was born on January 6, 1960 in Texas, spent much of his childhood in Harahan, LA, and graduated in 1978 from Bay High School in Bay St. Louis, MS where his parents lived for over 30 years.

Darrell was strong willed and stubborn at times, but he had an enormous heart and quick sense of humor. He was the guy to call if you needed help. Through his various life experiences, including owning and operating Darrell's Small Engine Repair in Gulf Breeze, FL he will

be remembered as someone who could fix or build anything. He loved riding motorcycles, especially his Harley, playing guitar, and spending time with friends and family who describe him as fiercely loyal and generous.

Darrell is predeceased by his loving mother Agnes Tompkins (Nichols) of Harahan, LA. He is survived by his father, Thomas Tompkins; brother Jack Tompkins; beloved wife, Cory Tompkins; son, Thomas Tompkins; daughter, Randee Shields, two grandchildren: Aylen and David; and many life-long friends.

Deceased's Funeral Arrangements D a r -



rell's wife and children ask friends and family to come visit with them on Wednesday, January 17th from 10-11:45am at the TownePlace Suites breakfast room (5424 Citrus Blvd. Harahan, LA). A graveside service will follow at 12:00pm at Garden of Memories (4900 Airline Dr. Metairie, LA).

Rock 'N' Roux Gumbo Cook-Off this Saturday

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

The 100 Men Hall will host its first Annual Gumbo Cook-Off, Rock 'N' Roux, which is sure to become the MOST FUN fundraiser in Hancock County! Rock 'N' Roux will be held Saturday, January 13, 2024, from 11:30 to 4PM, on the grounds. Rock 'N' Roux is sponsored by Mississippi Power with additional sponsorship by MS Coast National Heritage Area.

Want to COMPETE? Apply here - Application

Judges:

Bertha Parker, Big Bertha's Kitchen and Catering, BSL, MS

Blake Haney, Dirty Coast, Bayou Brands, NO, LA

Nicole Caridad Ralston, Eaten Path NOLA, NO, LA

Rodney Beales, Big Boyz BBQ, NO, LA

The event includes amazing live music featuring the Tyron Benoit Band and starring The Monsters at Large on the Tin Shed Porch.

Tyron Benoit hails from Houma, LA where music and culture are plentiful. The singer, songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist Tyron Benoit's debut album is without doubt the best swamp-rock album ever to open with a Cure cover. His version of "Just Like Heaven" is surprisingly faithful—even with his accordion taking the familiar guitar and keyboard licks. Overall, Benoit (brother of Tab) works the territory of vintage Zachary Richard or Wayne Toups: hard-driving, arena-ready rock that keeps the Louisiana elements up front and the accordion high in the mix.

The coast's top musicians come together to form The Monsters at Large. The band originally grew from a group of musicians who were members of The Dock of the Bay Music Company. They were assembled by David "Snake" Hooker to play for one of his legendary birthday parties. The Monsters At Large harness the musical talent of some of the Gulf Coast's best - Tommy Moran on guitar, Sam Brady on keyboards, Chuck Lofton on vocals, Casey Lipe on saxophone, Regan Taylor on bass, Lee Seal on percussions and Gene Moran on drums.

For just \$25, you could taste gumbo from some of the best chefs and gumbo cooks the country has to offer, while supporting a historical landmark with cool programming that elevates our community all while listening to some fabulous live music. Rock 'N' Roux teams are comprised of local, regional and nationwide businesses and organizations. The event is a great way to enjoy some of the finest gumbo while connecting with friends in the community - all for a great cause!

Rock 'N' Roux tickets can be purchased through the 100MenHall.com or they can be purchased at the entrance. Drinks will be for sale at a cash/credit bar, along with a 50/50 raffle, and awards will be given out.

Schedule:

11:30 am	DJ Doug Funnie (zydeco set – ½ hour)
Noon	Serving to the Public Begins
12:30-2	Tyron Benoit and Band on Tin Shed porch
2-2:30	Awards
2:30-4	The Monsters At Large on Tin Shed porch

• ROLL

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and proceeds to Kalani before turning right onto Diamondhead Drive East.

The Krewe of Diamondhead will host its annual Mardi Gras ball on Feb. 3, led by this year's royals Ali'l Ho Nua the 49h Jeremy Damiens and Mō'iwahine, Meg Damiens.

• Sunday, Feb. 11

St. Paul Carnival Association Parade, Pass Christian, noon

Parade starts at the corner of Davis Avenue and Second Street, proceeds to Scenic Drive turns west to Henderson Avenue, North to St.

Louis, east to Church Street, south to Second Street, east on Second to Davis Avenue.

• Monday, Feb. 12

Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse Lundi Gras Parade, 5 p.m.

The parade will roll from the corner of Depot Way and Bookter St., travel down Nécaise Avenue, turn right on Main Street, left at 2nd Street, right on Ullman Avenue, right on Beach Boulevard, then on Court Street to disband at the parking garage.

The Mystic Krewe of the Seahorse will host its "Mutiny on the Bay Pirate Gala" on Saturday, Jan. 27, from 7-11 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis Community Center. For more, go to mkotsh.com.

• Tuesday, Feb. 13

Krewe of Real People Parade, 1 p.m.

The parade will follow the traditional route, beginning at Nécaise Avenue, turning right on Main Street to Beach Boulevard, turning right on the beach, then right on Union Street; taking Union to Blaize to Sycamore Street, finishing up at Bookter Street.

The krewe will host its annual Mardi Gras ball on Saturday, Feb. 10, at 7 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis Community Center.

If you'd like to add a Mardi Gras event to the listing, please email Geoff.Belcher@seacoastecho.com.

• PROGRAM

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participating household would get a 64-gallon cart from the company that would be a different color than the 95-gallon cart used for garbage, and only recyclables would be allowed in the 64-gallon cart.

The company has a link on its Facebook page, which has also been shared by all three cities on their respective Facebook pages, where you can let the company know whether you would be interested in the program.

We have also shared the link at the Sea Coast Echo Facebook page.

"Once you read the details about

the program and are interested in participating, please click on the 'sign up here' button to answer some questions to submit a form to us regarding your interest," according to the company's post. "The cutoff date for submitting your information is March 1st, 2024. If the minimum number of residents is reached by March 1st, we will move forward with the next steps towards launching the program. If the minimum numbers of residents is not met, there will be no need for you to take further action as the program will not be launched."

For more information, you can email info@ces-ms.com.

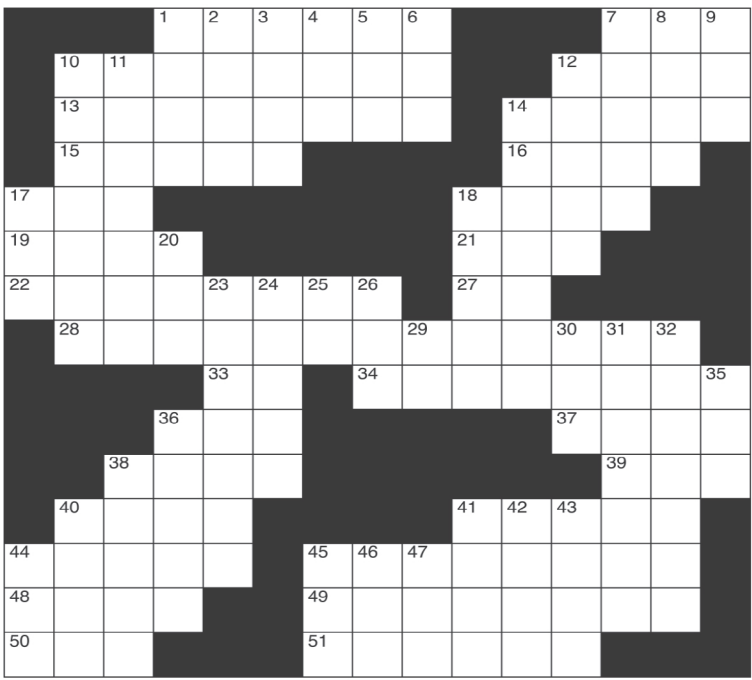
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- 7. __ Humbug!
- 10. One who sets apart
- 12. Circle above a saint's head
- 13. Unpleasantly loud and harsh
- 14. Expressed pleasure
- 15. Feminine given name
- 16. Company of badgers
- 17. Popular Dodge pickup truck
- 18. Witty sayings
- 19. Leader
- 21. Autonomic nervous system
- 22. Premolar
- 27. Atomic #28
- 28. Holiday decorative item
- 33. Exclamation of surprise

- 34. Rusk or cracker
- 36. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
- 37. Scottish or Irish Gaelic language
- 38. Eat
- 39. Marxist economics theory (abbr.)
- 40. Ceases to exist
- 41. Male Arabic name
- 44. Series of ridges on an organ wall
- 45. Places where bees are kept
- 48. One-time Yankees sensation Kevin
- 49. Church office
- 50. Single lens reflex
- 51. Pieces of fibrous tissue

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Classify
- 2. Dismounted
- 3. Produced
- 4. Consumed
- 5. Director Howard
- 6. The products of human creativity
- 7. Thai monetary units
- 8. Away from wind
- 9. Builder’s trough
- 10. Relating to Islam
- 11. It can sometimes ache
- 12. Small quantities (Scot.)
- 14. Poisonous plant
- 17. Laugh at
- 18. Vogul
- 20. C. European river
- 23. Type of cat

- 24. Exclamation of disgust
- 25. Stephen King novel
- 26. Without armies
- 29. Expression of sympathy
- 30. Relative biological effectiveness (abbr.)
- 31. Previously
- 32. Illegal drug
- 35. Kiloelectronvolt
- 36. Large, flightless birds
- 38. For smoking
- 40. Binary
- 41. Competition
- 42. Mark resembling an arrow
- 43. Containers
- 44. Root mean square (abbr.)
- 45. Commercials
- 46. I.M. __, architect
- 47. 007's creator

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TRIVIA QUESTIONS:

- 1. What was Taylor Swift's first song to chart on the Billboard Hot 100?
- 2. Actor Steve Carell plays what memorable character in the popular TV series "The Office?"
- 3. "There's a snake in my boot!" is famously spoken by Woody, a cowboy doll, in which 1995 animated movie?
- 4. What Nicholas Sparks book about a young socialite and her long-time crush was made into a movie starring Ryan Gosling and Rachel McAdams?
- 5. Which three states share a border with California?

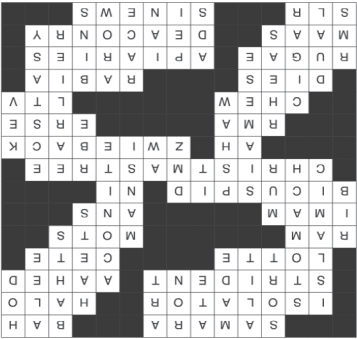
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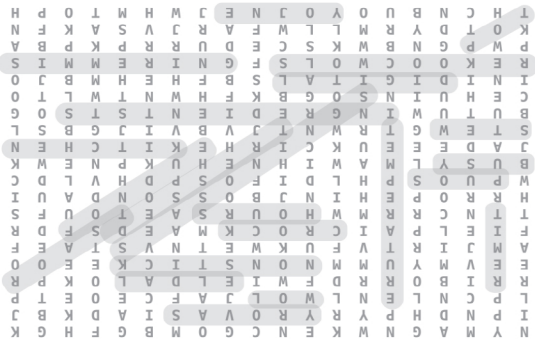
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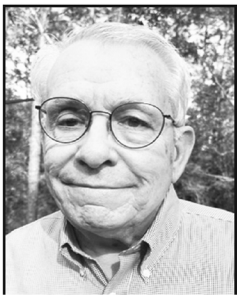
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Devotional Page

Church in the Twenty-first Century

By REV. C. GERALD RICHARDSON, D. MIN



C. Gerald Richardson, D. MIN.

Controversy is a common reality in much of contemporary life. Business, politics, social agendas, and more are often scenes of disagreement, and sometimes, anger. This has become a common feature of life in our world. The world of spirituality is not immune from this reality. Congregations, denominations, and

judicatory leadership are often faced with the challenge of holding their communities together amid divergent points of view regarding an array of issues. Part of the problem is that traditional ecclesiastical authority often flies in the face of increasingly autonomous thinking among congregants. A recent article in The Washington Post pointed out that American members of the Roman Catholic Church disagree with traditional church teaching on key issues between 60 and 75 per cent of the time. Not only do they not share the established wisdom of the church, but they often live their lives independent of doctrinal norms. The protestant church is certainly not exempt from similar concerns. The United Methodist Church, the second largest

non-Catholic denomination in the United States, has recently experienced a major division due to conflict around human sexuality and biblical interpretation. The results of this are still unfolding. Other religious groups have faced similar, although less publicly reported, issues of their own. The question arises as to whether these situations signal the decline, or perhaps eventual demise, of traditional religion in America. Maybe they do. Mainline churches are in danger of “aging out”. Sitting in a typical Sunday morning congregation is, with a few exceptions, to sit among a host of Social Security recipients. Is there a way to reverse this trend? It may be possible if we are willing to face current reality

and approach religion and spirituality in new ways, and with fresh eyes. Some examples include: *Our use of scripture. Although it does contain wisdom for the ages, the bible is not a rule book. It was written in a time and setting which was vastly different from our own. Its understanding of the universe was severely limited compared to today. The value it places on human worth, love, grace, forgiveness, and more, are timeless. However, these must be applied in a twenty-first century context. First century culture cannot be “shoe-horned” onto contemporary life. To attempt to do so is to remove many people from the equation. It is time to be honest about the bible. We can reverence its wisdom without overlaying it with

unreality. *Music in the church must be re-imagined. This is no call to embrace the (often meaningless and repetitive) one-line songs of much so-called contemporary worship. It is a plea for hymns which honor our theological heritage while being set to music which is singable. *Embrace inclusiveness. Jesus modeled that in the first century. The Washington Post article (referenced earlier) says, “(Pope) Francis is inclusive. He would rather discover a person’s virtues, than ferret out their vices, appreciating that nearly every one of us is a complex mixture of both.” May we be inspired and guided by this wisdom.

HANCOCK COUNTY AREA WORSHIP SERVICES

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APOSTOLIC

The Church of Our Lord Jesus
Kiln-Cutoff Rd.
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Pastor David Rush
255-1286
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ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Faith Assembly of God
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First Assembly of God
1912 Arnold St., Waveland
467-7667

BAPTIST

Bayou Talla Fellowship
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7547 Hancock Dr.
Bayside Park | 467-0500

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2241 Longfellow Rd. | BSL
467-2186
emmanuelbaptistsbsl.org

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22140 Hwy. 43 South,
Hancock Co.

First Baptist
141 Main St. | Bay St. Louis
467-4005

First Baptist of DeLisle
25305 Cuevas DeLisle Rd
Pass Christian 255-6550

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Pearlington | 533-6030

First Missionary Baptist
Sycamore St. | Bay St. Louis

First Southern Baptist
Pearlington
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Grace Chapel
9208 Edwin Ladner Rd
Pass Christian 255-3255

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Kittiwake Baptist Church
1410 East 2nd St.
Pass Christian | 452-4198

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6028 Lakeshore Rd.
Lakeshore | 469-0110

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21150 Hwy. 43
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255-2089
littleprovidence.org
Sunday school, 8:30 a.m.;
morning worship, 10 a.m.

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Worship at 5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Services:
Bible study and prayers at
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Pastor Robert Newell - 228-
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Bay St. Louis, MS 39520
Pastor Gordon Howard
243-0617

Shoreline Park Baptist
Waveland-Kiln Cut-off Rd.
Bay St. Louis | 467-9461

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West Bay Community Church
100 Jeff Davis Avenue
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Sacred Heart Catholic
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Corner of Whites Road and
Kellar Pearlinton
222-7226
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CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE

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Waveland, services
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Church of Christ
17040 Cedar Dr., Pearlinton
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2290 Kiln-DeLisle
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Bay St. Louis 467-7757

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5303 Diamondhead Cr.
Diamondhead 255-9213

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309 Hwy 90, Waveland
467-6771

Grace Lutheran Church
19221 Pineville Rd.,
Long Beach
864-4248

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Clermont Harbor United Methodist
Ioor St., Clermont Harbor
Pastor: Rev. T. Manuel
Johnson
Service: 11:00 a.m.

Diamondhead Methodist Church
5305 Noma Drive
Diamondhead | 255-6888
Pastor: Rev. Lee Ann Williamson • Sunday: 9:00 am
Worship and Kids Zone
Sunday: 10:00 am Disciple-
ship Hour • Tuesday: 8 am
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Bible Study

First United Methodist
526 E. Second St.
Pass Christian

Greater Mt. Zion
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16223-3rd at 7th Ave.
Pearlington | 533-9976

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Community
Pastor Lee Ann Williamson

816-769-2060

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Pastor

MORMON

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Waveland, MS 39576
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Church of the Lord Jesus Christ
6166 W. Kemper
Bayside Park

Central Bible Church
2002 Hwy 90 W
Bay St. Louis | 467-0529

Power House of Deliverance
1978 Washington
Bay St. Louis | 466-3841

Power of Prayer Praise & Worship Center
9012 Pine Dr. Waveland
467-7314

Revive My People Church
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Southern Outreach Ministries
295 Hwy. 90, Suite 11
Bay St. Louis
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.;
Sunday Worship service, 11
a.m.; Bible study, Wed., 7p.m.

Triumph The Church and Kingdom of God and Christ
456 Easterbrook
Bay St. Louis | 466-4951

Word of Faith Christian Fellowship
1399 Old Spanish Trail
Bay St. Louis | 467-4488

Zacchaeus Community Church
106 Turner Street
Bay St. Louis
Sunday, 10 a.m.
Pastor Robert Gales
493-9944

PENTECOSTAL

First United Pentecostal
Old Spanish Trail, Waveland
467-3575

Healing Hearts Church
295 Hwy. 90, Suite 12,
Bay St. Louis
Sunday School, 10 a.m.;
Sun. evening service, 6 p.m.
Bible study, Wed., 7 p.m.

New Life Church
4404 Leisure Time Dr.
Diamondhead | 216-4105
Sunday, 10 a.m

PRESBYTERIAN

Diamondhead Community Church
Diamondhead Circle
255-5556

Christian Education, 9am
Sunday Worship, 10am
Rev. Jason Edwards
dhcommunitychurch.org

Old Town Presbyterian (USA)
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• Rev. Richard T. Gillespie

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125 East 2nd Street
Long Beach
Rev. Dr. Dwight Ramsey,
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228-863-7633
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LEGALS

Anyone knowing of the whereabouts of the defendant, Derek Antone Holmes, II, with a last known address 635 CARROLL AVE APT 124, BAY SAINT LOUIS, MS, 39520, please contact Benjamin Comeaux, Attorney at Law, at 985-803-1675.

Request for HHWD Collection Proposals

Legal Notice

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors is co-sponsoring a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day proposed for March 23, 2024. The Board is seeking proposals from qualified Contractors to provide for the proper handling, transportation, and disposal of hazardous wastes from households. The State of Mississippi is providing grant funds to the County through the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality's Solid Waste Assistance Program for the handling, transportation, and disposal of the waste.

Specifications regarding the program description, proposal format, proposal evaluation criteria, contractor responsibilities, bid conditions, etc are available to interested contractors upon request. Please contact Ms. Brittny Johnson at the Hancock County Board of Supervisors office at 228-395-1506.

Proposals must be sealed and properly labeled and should be delivered by mail or electronically to the Hancock County Board of Supervisors 854 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, MS, 39520 or Brittny.Johnson@co.hancock.ms.us. Attention: Brittny Johnson, on or before 10:00 a.m., January 25, 2024.



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this the 14th day of December, 2023.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jillian Wilson,
WILSON & ASSOCIATES, PLLC, Substitute Trustee

PREPARED BY:
Wilson & Associates, PLLC
400 West Capitol Avenue
Suite 1400
Little Rock, AR 72201
(501)219-9388
File # 357210

PUBLICATION TO BEGIN ON:
January 4, 2024
PUBLICATION TO END ON:
January 25, 2024

TRUSTEES NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2008, Joann Mestayer, executed a Deed of Trust to Preston J. Mauffray, as Trustee for On-Path Federal Credit Union f/k/a ASI Federal Credit Union, as Beneficiary, which is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of the Hancock County, MS, in Book 2008 at Page 4401;

WHEREAS, on November 17, 2023, OnPath Federal Credit Union substituted James Eldred Renfro as Trustee in the aforementioned deed of trust with this recorded in Book 2023 at Page 25645;

WHEREAS, there being a default in the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust and entire debt secured having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with its terms, On-Path Federal Credit Union, the holder of the debt has requested the Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property pursuant to its terms in order to raise the sums due, with attorneys and trustees fees, and expenses of sale;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James Eldred Renfro, Trustee for said Deed of Trust, will on January 12, 2024, offer for sale at public outcry, and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m., and 4:00 p.m.) at the front steps of the Hancock County Courthouse located at 152 Main Street, City of Bay St. Louis, MS, to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Hancock County, MS, to-wit:

Lots 3, 4 and 5, AUDREY PLACE SUBDIVISION, Fourth Ward, Town of Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per official plat of said Subdivision filed in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi on July 12, 1954, and recorded in Vol. J-8, Pages 586-87, Deed Records of Hancock County, Mississippi.

I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Trustee, with no warranties.

WITNESS my signature this 6th day of December, 2023.

JAMES ELDRED RENFROE, Trustee

James Eldred Renfro, 648 Lakeland East Dr., Ste A, Flowood, MS 39232, Phone 601-932-1011

Publish: 12/21, 12/28, 1/4, 1/11

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

MARGARETTE ST. ANDRE, DECEASED

CAUSE NO: 23CH1:23-cv-00511-CB

JAMES H. LECLERE, PETITIONER

EXECUTORS NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF HANCOCK

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 22nd day of December, 2023, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned upon the Estate of Margarette St. Andre, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days from this date, or they will be forever barred.

THIS 4th day of January, 2024.

s/JAMES H. LECLERE

PUBLISH: January 4, 2024, January 11, 2024 and January 18, 2024

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEES NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF Hancock

WHEREAS, on the 26th day of

April, 2007, Myrna O. Waters, an unmarried woman, executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust unto First American Title, Trustee for Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Century 21(R) Mortgage (SM), Beneficiary, to secure an indebtedness therein described, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi in Deed of Trust Book 2007 at Page 2702; and

WHEREAS, on the 27th day of January, 2023, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS), as beneficiary, as nominee for Century 21(R) Mortgage (SM), assigned said Deed of Trust unto NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Deed of Trust Book 2023 at Page 1475; and

WHEREAS, on the 18th day of December, 2023 the Holder of said Deed of Trust substituted and appointed Dean Morris, LLC as Substitute Trustee by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Deed of Trust Book 2023 at Page 27530; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, on the 31st day of January, 2024, I will during the lawful hours of between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., at public outcry, offer for sale and will sell, at the front door of the Hancock County courthouse L, 152 Main Street, Suite A at the north facing front door at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land and property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit:

Lot 25, SPANISH COVE SUBDIVISION, Waveland, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per plat of said subdivision of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

I will only convey such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 27th day of December, 2023.
Dean Morris, LLC
Substitute Trustee
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GENERAL NOTICE
The City of Diamondhead is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

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Sealed bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the City of Diamondhead located at 5000 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead, MS 39525, until Tuesday, February 14, 2024, at 10:00 AM local time. At that time, all bids received will be publicly opened and the bid amount read aloud. The work included in the Contract shall consist primarily of Construction of the following items:
Construction of boat launch, gravel parking lot, 150 FRP pier, kayak launch, and comfort station.

OBTAINING THE BIDDING DOCUMENTS
Information and Bidding Documents for the Project can be found at the following designated website:
www.diamondheadbids.com

Plans and Specifications are being made available via hard copy or digital download. Plan Holders are required to log-in or register for an account to view or order bid documents at www.diamondheadbids.com. Bid documents are non-refundable and must be purchased through the website. Questions regarding website registration and online orders are to contact the Plan House at (228) 248-0181. No partial sets of drawings or project manuals will be issued. No contract documents (hard copies or electronic copies) will be issued to Contractors within twenty-four (24) hours of the time indicated above for receiving bids.

The Issuing Offices for the Bidding Documents is:

City of Diamondhead Chiniche Engineering & Surveying
5000 Diamondhead Circle 407 Hwy 90
Diamondhead, MS 39525 Bay

St. Louis, MS 39520

Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Offices on Monday-Thursday between 8:00-5:00 and Friday 8:00-12:00.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS
Bids must be submitted upon the standard forms contained within these contract documents furnished by Engineer, noted in the Information for Bidders. Each bid shall be accompanied by a Certified Check on a solvent bank or a Bidders Bond issued by a Surety Company licensed to operate in the State of Mississippi, in the amount of five percent (5%) of the total bid price, payable to the owner as bid security. Bidders shall also submit a current financial statement, if requested by the Owner. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond each in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract amount.

The required documents shall be submitted in a sealed envelope and the outside of the envelope shall be marked plainly as: Bid No. 2024-001 Noma Drive Waterfront Site, Utility and Drainage Improvements and the Certificate of Responsibility Number.

Bids shall be deposited with the City of Diamondhead, 5000 Diamondhead Circle, Diamondhead, MS 39525 or for those interested, bids can be submitted at www.diamondheadbids.com under the project page, prior to the hour and date designated above. No oral, telegraphic, telephonic, or e-mail proposals shall be considered. All interpretations of drawings and specifications shall be directed to Jason Chiniche at Chiniche Engineering and Surveying by email to: jason@chiniche.com. An acknowledged received copy of all Addenda issued by the Engineer via Plan House must be included with the bid proposal. No bidder may withdraw his bid within sixty (60) days after the date of actual bid opening without Owners consent. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all informalities.

Work to be performed shall be in accordance with all Federal, State and Local Regulations and Codes.

Approved by the order of the City of Diamondhead City Council, this the January 2, 2024.

Jeannie Klein
City Clerk

PUBLISH:
1st Advertisement Date: Thursday, January 11th, 2024
2nd Advertisement Date: Thursday, January 18th, 2024

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Bay St. Louis, MS, until 10:00 a.m., February 5, 2024 and shortly thereafter publicly opened for providing the following to Hancock County, for a period of one year, beginning at bid acceptance until December 31, 2024 or until a new bid is accepted.: PEST CONTROL & UNPROCESSED SAND

Bid specifications are available, upon request, from Brittny Johnson of the Hancock County Purchasing Department, 854 Hwy 90, Suite A, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 emailing Brittny.Johnson@co.hancock.ms.us or by calling 228-395-1506.

All envelopes must be marked on the outside of the envelope BID ENCLOSED and listing the bid item and bid opening date.

All envelopes must be date and time stamped and filed in the Hancock County Board of Supervisors Office, 854 Hwy 90, Suite A, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520 before 10 a.m. on the day of the bid opening.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Published by Order of the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 18th day of December, 2023.

Scotty Adam, President
Board of Supervisors
Hancock County, Mississippi

By/Valerie Fitts, D.C.
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January 4, 2024
January 11, 2024

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

GENERAL NOTICE

The City of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

Pickleball Court Construction

Sealed bids for the construction of the Project will be received at the Bay St. Louis City Hall Conference, 2ndFloor located at 688 Highway 90, Bay St. Louis, MS 39525 until Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. local time. At that time, all bids received will be publicly opened and the bid amount read aloud.

The work included in the Contract shall consist primarily of Construction of the following items:

Construction of Two Regulation Pickleball Courts

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www.baystlouis-msbids.com

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688 Hwy 90
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520

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407 Hwy 90
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Approved by the order of the City of Bay St. Louis City Council, this the October 17, 2023.

PUBLISH:

1stAdvertisement Date: January 11, 2024
2ndAdvertisement Date: January 18, 2024

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

GENERAL NOTICE

Hancock County Water and Sewer District (Owner) is requesting Bids for the construction of the following Project:

Port Bienville Elevated Water Storage Tank



JANUARY 11

• The Bay St. Louis Little Theatre announces auditions for its next show, a comedy, “Mama Won’t Fly” by Jones, Wooten, and Hope. Hilarious, southern delight. Casting for men and women of all ages. Auditions are a cold reading from the script. Auditions at the Little Theatre on Thursday, Jan. 11 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, Jan. 13 at 10:30 a.m. The show dates are March 15, 16, 17, 22, 23, and 24. For more information, call 228-467-9024.

JANUARY 12

• Holy Trinity Catholic School is hosting a Blue Mass at 1:15 p.m. All local law enforcement, fire fighters, and paramedics are welcome to attend a special mass with a brief reception to follow in the HTCS cafeteria.

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JANUARY 15

• Food Drive for Hancock County Food Pantry on “Day of Service” for Dr. Martin Luther King holiday from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the Democrats office in Froegel’s shopping center, Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis. Sponsored by Hancock County Federation of Democratic Women. Non-perishable food/supplies only.

JANUARY 19

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• Musicians from as far away as Europe and as close as New Orleans will bring Across the Pond Guitar Festival to 100 Men Hall at 7 p.m. The concert at 100 Men Hall features guitar virtuosos Gavin Loche (Italy), Adrian Raso (Canada), Jimmy Robinson (New Orleans) accompanied by many New Orleans’ great guitarists. Food for purchase by Chef Joe from Beachside as well as a cash/credit bar. Tickets are \$15 and available at <https://the100menhall.com>.

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JANUARY 26

• Bingo event benefiting the Hancock County Family Treatment Court. The American Legion Post 77, located at 502 Waveland Ave., Waveland, has graciously agreed to donate the proceeds from the bingo night, Friday, Jan. 26 to the Hancock County Family Treatment Court. Each game will offer a cash prize. So please spread the word and come out and support the American Legion and Hancock County Family Treatment Court.

Bingo times: Doors open at 5 p.m. Early bird games at 6:30 p.m. Warm up games at 7 p.m. Regular games at 7:30 p.m.

JANUARY 27

• Arrrrgh! Don’t miss the annual “Mutiny in the Bay” pirate party being held at the BSL Community Center from 7 to 11 p.m. Meet the new 2024 Captain Longbeard, Lady Claiborne and Honor Guard. There will be dancing, pirate merriment, buffet, and cash bar. The party is an adult community event. For tickets, visit www.mkotsh.com, \$40 in advance, \$45 at the door.

FEBRUARY 3

• Theatre in the Pass presents A Night on Broadway. One night only limited seating. Tickets on sale now at www.theatreinthe-passms.org. \$30 general admission. 6 p.m. at the Randolph Center, 315 Clark Ave., Pass Christian. Dress: Coast casual. For more, info@theatreinthe-passms.org.

MARCH 16

• The Waveland Civic Association’s 60th annual St. Patrick’s Day parade begins at 1 p.m. Parade will line up at Whispering Pines, go down the beach to Nicholson Avenue, up Nicholson onto Central, Central to Coleman, Coleman to the beach, beach to Waveland Avenue where the parade will end at Elwood Bourgeois Park. Jeeps, golf carts, floats, marching groups are welcome. Pricing and registration at wavelandcivicassociation.com.



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street and house to house, checking to see who had and didn’t have water and then the city could figure out who was paying for water and who wasn’t.

The firefighters honored were Hayden Hall, Chris Albertson, Darius Alexander, Reed Bolden, Mark Palmer, and Scott Tartarvouille.

Trapani also reflected on his first year in office, which included “bringing Cruisin’ the Coast back” to the city with Hot Rods and Hospitality, which he described as a “booming success.”

He also said that there are now lights on Highway 90, which was “a big accomplishment.”

“Highway 90 was in the dark for the longest amount of time, so we negotiated a deal with Mississippi Power to keep our lights on,” Trapani said. “Once we figured out that they were

actually switches, that people could turn them off, Bo (Humphrey) and I went out there, mostly Bo, and put locks on all the boxes so they can’t turn them off anymore.”

Trapani said the city also reallocated funds to get Veterans Memorial up and running.

“Last but not least is the pier,” he said. “We’ve filed all the paperwork and we got it in by Dec. 11, hoping we could get an answer in by the end of the year,” he said. “It didn’t happen, so we’re staying on top of that. People knock us on Facebook for not ponying up \$1.6 million of city money to make up the difference. If you spend \$1 of city money on this project, FEMA de-obligates the other \$4.3 million. You can’t spend public money on a FEMA project.”

Trapani said he is “confident” the city will receive the additional \$1.6 million.

In other action:

Jason Chiniche, with Chiniche Engineering,

spoke on the American Rescue Recovery Plan Act.

The city received two grants with a match from DEQ, he said.

“The way this is supposed to work, the sub grant agreement is written for utility improvements in central city,” he said. “We were talking about the actual needs of the city with the mayor and public works. We want to modify that or amend that scope of work to cover some additional sewer needs around the city so we presented a list of things/recommendations to you guys. Some of the comments we received were about the Scada system and adding additional controls to some of the main lift stations. We did allocate or estimate about \$250,000 and our breakdown to go towards that. We did meet with Control Systems Incorporated and they gave us a breakdown of some of those costs to put on a monitoring system on 10 of the main

lift stations and that cost was about \$50,000 with their quote. We wanted to bring this back to the board. I think that was the main question that some you guys had as far as what that entailed. The difference between that system and what was put in there about 10 years ago, I think it was called an admissions system, that was basically a call-out system. Of course, a lot of that technology is outdated and all the equipment that was installed is obsolete. The Scada system would allow the public works to pull additional information from the pumps, run times they get quicker notifications as far as when something happens when there’s a failure. It will tie in with what they already have with the well system and the water system. So it would basically be covering all your main infrastructure components and then you could also look at putting some different smaller Watchdog systems or call out

systems, what they call it on some of the smaller lift stations, so you don’t have to go with the full control system like you would on the main lift station. It would just give them an alert when something happens and right now a lot of them aren’t monitored and they don’t have that ability, unless you go there and you get a call from a citizen that the light is flashing.”

Chiniche said there is a monitoring fee. Cellular fees are \$30 per month.

It is \$360 per site and there are 10 sites, he said.

He added that they do have technical support public works employees can reach out to.

The lift stations that have flow meters would be monitored as well, he said.

Chiniche said he needs board approval to amend the application to expand it to more city-wide sewer needs and look at some of the lift stations outside of the center city area.

The initial \$50,000 would be rolled into the ARPA grant, Trapani said.

Every year after, the city would have to budget the annual \$4,000 for the cell phones.

The board did not need to take action Tuesday, Trapani said.

“We have \$3.2 million of ARPA money” he said. “We already have the fed’s money, the state’s reimbursable in two payments, but we have to spend this money by ’26. So we have to come to a consensus on the project and we need to move forward.”

Ward 2 Alderman Bobby Richardson said the Scada system would be good for the city.

Public Works Manager Bo Humphrey said the new system would send the information to his computer, which would eliminate the need for having another contractor come in and tell them what the problem is.

The next meeting is scheduled for Jan. 17 at 6:30 p.m.



The Old Town Merchants Association and its members invite you to experience the Second Saturday Art Walk on Jan. 13. This month's Second Saturday celebration includes the eighth annual "Dolly Should" event honoring legendary entertainer Dolly Parton. The Dolly Should celebration was the brainchild of Smith & Lens owners Ann Madden and Sandy Maggio, who believe that "Dolly Should" visit Bay St. Louis for her birthday. The Mockingbird Cafe now hosts the annual event. Here's a schedule of events at the Mockingbird for the fest: • 3-9 p.m. Dolly themed food & drink specials • 5-9 p.m. Music by DJ Doug Funnie • All Day Dolly goods & flair from the shops in Old Town • 7 p.m. Dolly Look-Alike Contest Dolly Look-Alike Contest schedule breakdown! • In person sign up from 4-6 p.m. • Line-up starts at 6:30 p.m. • Contest starts at 7 p.m. with judging to follow

This month's Second Saturday "Hot Spots" include:

Bay St. Louis Little Theatre

398 Blaize Ave.
Bay St. Louis
228-467-9024
info@bsllt.org

The original Bay St. Louis Little Theatre was located on Boardman Avenue for fifty-seven years. The Little Theatre was founded in the living room of John and Mary Bell in 1946. The couple had moved to Bay St. Louis from Connecticut and quickly adopted the town of Bay St. Louis and wanted to work to contribute to its positive growth. Their living room meeting included another founding member, Emily DeMontluzin. The Bells had determined that their new hometown needed a yacht club, a golf course, and a community theater. The Articles of Incorporation for the Little Theatre were submitted to the Secretary of State that year. Thus, the Bay St. Louis Little Theatre was incorporated in 1946.

In 1948, a local physician, Dr. Emmett Erwin, donated land located on Boardman Avenue to the Little Theatre. The membership bought two war-surplus barracks from the Seabee base in Gulfport and had them dismantled. The barracks were shipped by barge to the Bay and reassembled on the donated property. One barracks was positioned vertically to form the auditorium and the other attached horizontally to form the stage. The Little Theatre remained there until Hurricane Katrina completely destroyed it in 2005.

After the destruction of the beloved Little Theatre, the Board of Directors decided to continue the Theatre and find a building that was remaining in Bay St. Louis and repurpose it into the Little Theatre. This decision was driven by the fact that very few buildings remained standing after Katrina and rather than let yet another building be torn down, the Little Theatre can lead the way to preserve what was left in our community and set an example that we can build our community again. The Little Theatre property on Boardman Avenue was sold to a private citizen and those funds became the seed money to seek funding and grants for restoring a new theater building.

That particular decision led to a three-year search of fourteen potential theater sites. The Board members would get their hopes up that perhaps the latest

property would serve as the Theatre only to have those hopes dashed repeatedly. Seeking property and funding in a community that is decimated and overwhelmed with fatigue and anxiety proved to be a major chore. Everyday seemed to present another overwhelming obstacle to overcome.

Finally, after considering and reconsidering the property many times, the decision was made to make the "This Property is Condemned" (TPIC) building on Blaize Avenue the site of the new Little Theatre. The "TPIC" building had been abandoned for approximately forty years at the time of purchase. It was well-known in the community because of the movie that was filmed on-site. Unfortunately, it was well-known also as the building that received the consistent remark from people when they would drive by the dilapidated, empty structure "Why don't they do something with that building?"

So... we did!

The deed was signed for the new theater site on December 11, 2007. A bulldozer was on the property that day, facing the Theatre, and was scheduled to demolish the theater building on December 14, 2007. The Little Theatre building came within three days of being removed from the earth.

The "This Property is Condemned" building was built around 1920 by Andreas Scaife. His grocery store was on the first floor of the building and his residence for his wife and eleven children was on the second floor. The building became empty in the early 1930's and remained essentially abandoned throughout the years except to house a bottling company that made bottles for the popular New Orleans soda drink called "Dr. Nut" that tasted like almonds.

Then, in 1965, Hollywood came to town. For a brief, magical, Hollywood moment, the town of Bay St. Louis became Dodson, Mississippi, in the major motion picture "This Property is Condemned." The principal site of the movie was the theater building and the Depot District. Some local citizens were in the movie. The stars of the production were Natalie Wood and Robert Redford. The theater building was the Starr Boarding House. The building was used for the exterior shots and a Hollywood sound stage was used for the interior shots except for one scene. The Redford character stood at a second story window as he looked down to the porch swing where the Wood character is seated. Today, when audiences enter the Theatre, they can see a life-size cutout of Robert Redford standing at

this very same window.

After the filming of the movie, the TPIC building was once again abandoned until the Little Theatre decided to make its home there.

The movie is based on a one-act play by Tennessee Williams of the same name. The movie was directed by Sidney Pollack and it was the first screenplay by Francis Ford Coppola. The Little Theatre celebrates its unique connection with Tennessee Williams every year around his birthday (March 26) by holding the annual "Stella Yelling"-Contest and performing one of his plays.

The Grand Opening of the new location of the Bay St. Louis Little Theatre was celebrated on October 1st and 2nd, 2010. The community walked through the red front door to their new theater lobby and auditorium. The red front door has meaningful significance for the Little Theatre. The Boardman Avenue theater exterior was corrugated aluminum siding and was painted red. The Board of Directors chose to paint the front door of the new theater red also so that every time audiences, casts, or crews enter the Little Theatre, they are reminded of the creative energy and effort that is in the Theatre history since 1946.

The Grand Opening was attended by 1200 people of the community. Blaize Avenue, the street in front of the theater, was shut down because of the overflow of people attending the opening. The child stars from the "TPIC" movie, Jon Provost and Mary Badham, flew in from Hollywood to specifically attend the Grand Opening. They spent three days in our community participating in the Grand Opening events including taking the stage during the first night of the opening and sharing behind-the-scenes stories of the filming of "TPIC" from 1965. Jon Provost is best known as the character "Timmy" from the 1950's TV show "Lassie." Mary Badham is well known from her portrayal of the character "Scout" in the movie "To Kill a Mockingbird" starring Gregory Peck.

The Bay St. Louis Little Theatre was born again because of a small group of Board members who persevered to for years overcome its Katrina demise. Generous grants were awarded by the Mississippi Arts Commission, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, and the Leo Seal Family Foundation, along with thousands of individual donations.

Since opening, the Little Theatre has attracted members from New Orleans, Hattiesburg, Mobile, and the entire Gulf Coast. It sold out every seat in its first two years of perfor-

mances. The Theatre has maintained a high standard of production quality and almost every show includes veteran and first-time actors. The Theatre has the unique ability to diversify its auditorium to adapt to the demands of any type of show. The stage can be positioned in any part of the auditorium because the seats, risers, sound and lights, and lighting can be rearranged. The Theatre can do traditional stage shows as well as theater-in-the-round, dinner theater, juke joint jams, concerts, and dance halls.

The Bay St. Louis Little Theatre is an official Mississippi Landmark. Since its Grand Opening in 2010, it has been awarded the Governor's Award for Excellence (the first and only community theater to be selected for this award), the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce Award for Community Excellence (by unanimous vote), the Bay St. Louis Historic Preservation Commission "People's Choice Award", the Bay St. Louis Historic Preservation Commission "Heritage Award", and the Mississippi Department of Archives and History "Mississippi Heritage and Trust Award."

As a final note, the Bay St. Louis Little Theatre received many helping hands and steady encouragement during the years after Katrina when there was no theater building and each production required extraordinary effort to provide a venue for the "homeless" Theatre. The Bay St. Louis Little Theatre will be forever grateful to John Holmes, Emily DeMontluzin, Steve D'Angelo, Jon Trimmer, Father Sebastian, Mayor Longo, Rev. Allen Jenkins, Bay City Grille, St. Rose de Lima Church, P'Zazz Restaurant, Long Beach Lodge, First Missionary Baptist Church, Waveland Civic Center, and the Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center. Each of them provided unwavering encouragement and supportive venues during the time that the Little Theatre was searching for and building a new home.

The show must go on. The best is yet to come.

200 North Beach Restaurant

200 N. Beach Blvd.,
Bay St. Louis
200northbeachbsl@gmail.com
Hours:
Monday: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Tuesday: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Wednesday: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Thursday: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Saturday: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Sunday: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Dining in at 200 North

Beach is quite a luxury. Located on Beach Boulevard, this restaurant gives you the fine dining experience that you are looking for on the Gulf Coast.

Mike Fusco became manager in September after having worked at a restaurant in the French Quarter for five and a half years. "I love Bay St. Louis," he says with a big smile on his face. Fusco's favorite part about being manager of 200 North Beach is getting to know the customers. Of course, looking at the beach everyday is a plus.

"Every place I've worked at has been very very high-paced and you don't really get to know the people that come in, and in Bay St. Louis, you see a lot of the same people over and over, you get to meet them all, and you get to learn about them instead of just having them be in here as somebody who is just having dinner; you get to know about them, where they're from, what they do, as people, versus just as customers" he says. "In other places that I've worked, it's been so fast-paced that you never got that."

The restaurant just celebrated its seven year anniversary. It is no wonder 200 North Beach has been such a hit, as it offers delicious American Creole food, drinks, and daily specials that keep customers coming back for more.

Each day, there is a special, as well as a new lunch special every week, brunch on the weekends, featuring \$4 Bloody Marys, mimosas, and sangria, daily drink specials, and a daily happy hour from 4-6, during which oysters and drinks are half price. The

oyster special is the "best happy hour I think in Bay St. Louis" Fusco says. All of these specials are created to bring people in, and it is definitely working.

Another unique feature that sets 200 North Beach apart is the upstairs Balcony Sports Lounge that opened in September. It is "unique in that it's the only sports lounge in Bay St. Louis." Patrons can enjoy a drink while watching a football game on one of the six televisions in the comfort of this luxurious lounge, featuring a bar and large, sleek couches. It "creates more of an atmosphere where you can enjoy yourself" Fusco says.

It definitely is a destination, offering sweeping views of the bay. The Balcony Sports Lounge is open everyday, except Tuesdays, with Wednesday night being ladies night, during which women can have some time for themselves and enjoy \$2 off glasses of wine and a drink special. The space is available to be rented for events as well.

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HANCOCK SWEEPS GULFPORT & BILOXI, LADY TIGERS DEFEAT PASS & GREENE COUNTY

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
STAFF WRITER

Many people have been asking, “What are they putting in the water?” in Kiln. The answer has got to be something good as the Hawks’ basketball program swept both Gulfport and Biloxi in varsity competition last week. And not only did they sweep the two juggernauts last week, but they also did it within 72 hours.

BAY HIGH TIGERS

The Bay High Lady Tigers picked up two Division 8-4A wins last week over Pass Christian and Greene County. On Wednesday the Lady Tigers beat the Pass Christian Lady Pirates 41-17. Bay High jumped out to a 16-4 lead in the first period and did not look back. The Lady Tigers doubled up the Lady Pirates at halftime 20-10. In the fourth period, the Lady Tigers’ defense kept Pass Christian from scoring. Kayla Fricke led Bay High with 12 points followed by Nakeria Coleman with 8 points. Pass Christian was led by Kamiyah Pruitt with 5 points and Megan Dedeaux with 4 points. Bay High head coach Kelton Thompson stated, “We got off to a really good start and shot the ball well. In the second period we got a little casual in our approach and some shots did not fall. That will happen from time to time, but we have to be able to adjust and find some consistency. We can’t do that expect to be successful. In the boys’ game, the Tigers got behind in the first period 16-7 to the Pirates and were not able to stem the flow. At halftime, Pass Christian enjoyed a 28-11 lead en route to a 57-34 victory.

The game was significant for head coach Buddy Kennedy of Pass Christian as it was his 600th victory. Kennedy commented, “We were just trying

were paced by Robinson with 16 points. On Friday, the Lady Tigers (15-5, 3-0) beat Greene County 44-31 after jumping out to a 27-12 lead at intermission.

cock swept two basketball goliaths in Gulfport and Biloxi last week in a matter of 72 hours. On Tuesday, Hancock swept Gulfport in a pair of varsity games. The

tions.” In the boys’ game, the Hawks were down 18-9 after the first period and down 31-22 at halftime. Mike Washington sank a three-pointer with one

Dedeaux finished with 8 points with 5 coming in overtime. Amir Abdul-Rauf led Gulfport with 17 points followed by Morris Robinson with 17 points.

On Thursday, Hancock swept another pair of varsity games with Biloxi. In the girls’ game, the Lady Hawks jumped out to a 14-10 lead at the end of the first period. Anslee James sank a three-pointer with 31 seconds left to put Hancock up at the end of the first period. James repeated her smooth shot as the half closed and Hancock led 25-18.

Biloxi closed the distance in the third period with Hancock leading 32-29 to start the final period.

The Lady Hawks battled through for the narrow 43-41 victory as Riley Bishop led Hancock with 14 points followed by Cuevas with 11 and James with 10. Zaniya Jackson led Biloxi with 19 points,

In the boys’ game, Hancock jumped out on Biloxi and did not look back. The Hawks led 14-10 after the first period and were up 34-23 at halftime.

In the second half, Hancock pushed the score to 50-35 with suffocating defense and marksman-like shooting skills. Deonte Taylor sank a three-pointer with four seconds remaining in the period.

The Hawks led by as much as 21 points in the final period as Biloxi did not have an answer to Hancock’s game. The Hawks won 69-60.

Entriken stated, “I have the best group of guys to coach. To see all their hard work coming to



PHOTO BY MADELLA JORDAN
The 2023-24 Hancock Hawks boys Basketball team.

to get to 1-0 in division play. All we are focused on is winning district. I think that our best basketball is ahead of us. We have a good group of guys, and they are fun to coach. Win number 600 is significant to me, but it’s more important for these guys to be successful in the second half of the season.”

The Pirates were led by LJ Jaynes with 12 points while Terry Patton and Brendan Necaie each scored 11 points.

Thompson commented, “We are still building in every phase of the game. I was proud to see us get more organized against their pressure. When we were organized, we handled their pressure much better looking up court opposite. Anthony Robinson is doing very well creating some shots despite all he is having to do.” The Tigers (4-15, 1-2)

Taniyah Lewis led Bay High with 13 points and Coleman added 10 points. Thompson commented, “Again, we got off to a solid start and lost our focus and intensity. We have to develop a killer instinct, or we will stumble against teams. We have to stay engaged in the game start to finish.”

In the boys’ game, the Tigers fell behind 24-8 at halftime but made a surge in the third period and cut the difference to eight points before Greene County regained the momentum for the win. The Tigers were led by Robinson with 7 points.

HANCOCK HAWKS

The Hancock Hawks are brewing up something special in Kiln and, no, I do not mean at Crittenden Distillery. Although, they make a pretty good batch themselves. Hancock swept two basket-

top-ranked Lady Hawks jumped out to a 19-2 lead in the first period and held a 27-13 advantage at intermission.

A swarming defense and deft shooting in the third period pushed the Lady Hawks’ lead to 57-16 and a running clock in the fourth period. In the third period, Brooklyn Cuevas scored 12 points and Anslee James grabbed 5 rebounds to pace Hancock.

The Lady Hawks cruised to a 68-24 victory over Gulfport led by Cuevas with 30 points and James with 12 points and 9 rebounds.

Hancock head coach Jamie Sisco commented, “I am very proud of our players to not be looking ahead to what is coming up on the schedule. Brookly Cuevas had a really good game, and her teammates did a great job of getting her the ball in scoring situa-

second left on the clock in the third period to pull the Hawks within one at 41-40 heading into the final period.

The two teams battled to a 51-51 tie at the end of regulation.

In the extra frame, Hancock outscored Gulfport 7-4 for the 58-55 victory. Hancock head coach Connor Entriken commented, “At halftime, we talked about where we wanted to be and what we had to do to get there. The first half of our schedule so far has been tough which helped prepare us. This game was a mental block for us the last few seasons. These guys have bought in, and they are fighting as a team. We can’t rest though. We have to continue to play hard and with aggression.”

The Hawks were led by Washington with 22 points followed by Jaxon Knight with 17. Todd

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SCHEDULE

FRIDAY 1-12-24

- **Basketball:** Bay High vs Moss Point, 6 p.m./7:30 p.m.
- **Basketball:** Hancock vs West Harrison, 6 p.m./7:30 p.m.
- **Basketball:** OLA vs West Marion, 5:30 p.m.
- **Basketball:** Saint Stanislaus vs West Marion, 7 p.m.
- **Soccer:** Hancock vs George County, 5:30 p.m./7 p.m.
- **Soccer:** OLA vs Sacred Heart, 5:30 p.m.
- **Soccer:** Saint Stanislaus at Sacred Heart, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY 1-13-24

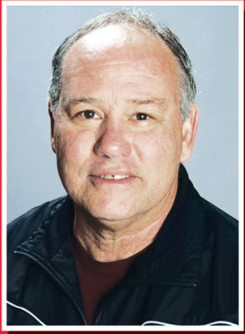
- **Basketball:** Bay High (girls) at MS/AL Challenge in Gulf Shores, TBD.
- **Basketball:** Hancock (girls) at MS/AL Challenge in Gulf Shores, TBD

MONDAY 1-15-24

- **Basketball:** Bay High at MLK Classic at Lanier HS (Jackson), TBD.

TUESDAY 1-16-24

- **Basketball:** Hancock vs George County, 6 p.m./7:30 p.m.
- **Basketball:** OLA vs St. Patrick, 6 p.m.
- **Basketball:** Saint Stanislaus at St. Patrick, 6:30 p.m.
- **Bowling:** Hancock at Park Ten Lanes, 3 p.m.
- **Soccer:** Bay High vs Poplarville, 5:30 p.m./7 p.m.
- **Soccer:** Hancock at West Harrison, 5:30 p.m./7 p.m.
- **Soccer:** OLA at St. Patrick, 5:30 p.m.
- **Soccer:** Saint Stanislaus vs St. Patrick, 7 p.m.



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fruition and payoff is tremendous. Tonight is a testament to their expecting to win. They love each other and play for each other. They take a business-like approach to the court, and it is awe-inspiring to see. And I want to acknowledge our fan support tonight. We had parents,

students, cheerleaders, band members, as well as fans in the stands. That inspires our student athletes to play their best for them. Our role players on the team have also played an integral role in this team’s development and many of them got on the floor tonight.” Taylor led the Hawks with 16 points followed by Washington with 13 points and Jaxon Knight with 11. The Lady Hawks traveled to Tupelo and

played Hoover, AL, on Saturday. The Lady Hawks (17-1) fell 44-41. The Hawks (10-10) traveled to Pascagoula and played Hattiesburg on Saturday and lost 59-52.

OUR LADY ACADEMY CRESCENTS

The OLA Crescents did not play last week. OLA returns to action this week and are 1-11 overall.

SAINT STANISLAUS ROCK-A-CHAWS
The Rocks (10-9) played West Harrison on Saturday evening. The Rocks were down 9-5 after the first period and up 11-9 at halftime despite making just one field goal the entire half of play. The Rocks started the third period with a 9-3 run and pushed the difference to 26-17 at the end of the period. However, the Rocks

went cold in the fourth period and were outscored 18-1 in the final frame to fall 35-27. SSC head coach Daniel Grieves stated, “We ended the third period on a run and drew fouls immediately to start the fourth period which was part of the game plan. West Harrison has a solid back court, and they took advantage of that in the final period. But that is no excuse for not making a field goal in the first and fourth pe-

riods. We have to find a more consistent game. We committed 18 turnovers in the game. We have to know the difference between a turnover and a live ball turnover. Our big guys got into foul trouble early and that also was not good for us.” The Rocks have two home games this week against Thrive Academy of Baton Rouge at 7:30 p.m. tonight and West Marion on Friday night at 7 p.m.

— SOCCER TEAMS —

SPRINTING TOWARD SEASON FINALE

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II

STAFF WRITER

The high school soccer season is quickly coming to an end later this month. The regular season will finish in roughly two weeks and the postseason will begin in earnest.

BAY HIGH TIGERS

The Lady Tigers beat Pascagoula 7-0 last week and lost to Sumrall in the I10/I20 Challenge over the weekend. The Lady Tigers are now 6-8-1 overall and 3-2 in Division 8-4A play.

The Tigers remained undefeated with a 2-1 win over Pascagoula, a 2-0 victory over St. Patrick, and a 3-2 victory over Sumrall. The Tigers are now 14-0-1 overall and 5-0 in Division 8-4A play.

HANCOCK HAWKS

The Hancock Lady Hawks beat Gautier 1-0 and dropped a game against Long Beach 7-0. The Lady Hawks are now 4-11-1 overall and 1-4 in Division 8-6A play. The Hawks beat Gautier 3-0 and lost to Long Beach 4-0 to fall to 7-7-2 overall

and 2-3 in Division 8-6A play.

OUR LADY ACADEMY CRESCENTS

The Crescents lost to Gulfport 4-1 and Sumrall 4-0 last week to fall to 4-5 overall and 2-1 in Division 8-3A play.

SAINT STANISLAUS ROCK-A-CHAWS

The Rocks played just one game last week which resulted in a 0-0 tie with Gulfport. Finn Williford helped preserve the shutout in goal for the Rocks. SSC is now 9-3-1 overall and 6-0 in Division 8-3A play.

A GOOD SHOW

for Joe

BY CPT. SONNY SCHINDLER

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

My buddy Joe Kuhner books several fishing trips a year. Nine times out of ten it’s family and friends. There are typically young kids or out of town relatives that are very easy please. We usually get enough for a big meal and almost always head in early.

Our last trip of 2023 was definitely a fun one, but not a typical “Joe K” trip. I knew something was up when I checked in a few days prior. He answered the phone and almost sounded nervous saying, “we need to make this trip a big hit”. Of course I was curious, because his normal mission on the family and friends trips are, “let’s catch a few fish and get in early”.

Turns out he was bringing his bosses boss. Naturally, he wanted to put on a show, and that’s just what we did.

When Wade Ladner arrived at the dock, I knew he looked familiar. After a few questions, it turned out I grew up with most of family. He kept a boat right next to several of our boats at the Boat-house, and his grandkids play soccer at SSC OLA with my daughter. The conversation was fantastic throughout the trip. That helped immensely, because the fishing was slow to start. Our first 3 stops at my best “honey holes” were pretty much duds. Besides a few sheepsheads, pup-



PHOTO BY SONNY SCHINDLER
Mr. Wade Ladner with one of his many redfish

py drum and some good conversation we didn’t have much to show for our efforts. Then it happened.

Our last stop is when everything came together. We found a perfect canal with moving water. The redfish must’ve been stacked in there, because every live shrimp they cast along bank got eaten. The conversation pretty much stopped, because of the chaos of fishing flopping all over the deck of the boat. It was as good of a redfish bite as you’ll ever see. There were plenty of undersized reds mixed in, but the action was non stop. Joe and Wade had filled the box in about an hour, and we called it a day. Everything worked

out, everyone was happy, and I liked to think we put on a “good show”.

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PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

BASKETBALL

PLAYERS OF THE WEEK



JAXSON KNIGHT
HANCOCK



ANSLEE JAMES
HANCOCK

The boys' Basketball Player of the Week is Hancock's Jaxson Knight. Last week Knight helped Hancock to pair of wins over Gulfport and Biloxi. Against Gulfport, Knight tallied 17 points, 7 rebounds, and 4 assists. In the Biloxi win, Knight recorded 13 points and 8 rebounds.

The girls' Basketball Player of the Week is Hancock's Anslee James. Last week, James averaged 12 points and 8 rebounds in wins over Gulfport and Biloxi.

SOCCER

PLAYER OF THE WEEK



FINN WILLIFORD
ST. STANISLAUS

The boys' Soccer Player of the Week is Saint Stanislaus goalie Finn Williford who preserved a 0-0 shutout against Gulfport at the I-10/I-20 Challenge on Saturday.



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Bay P.D. moves into new headquarters

BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAAGER

Bay St. Louis police officers celebrated last week when they finally got the chance to move into their new headquarters at 547 Main Street.

“Our police officers are extremely excited and proud to be working in the new building,” Chief Toby Schwartz said. “It truly makes Bay St. Louis a place apart to have a modern-day public safety building in which our progressive community-based police department can work.

“None of this would have been possible if it wasn’t for the vision of our Mayor Mike Favre and city leaders who teamed up with Senator’s Micheal Thompson, Phillip Moran, and Representatives Richard Bennett and Brent Anderson, and many others. A dedication plaque is displayed proudly in our lobby recognizing all of the distinguished persons with important roles in building this impressive building in the heart of Bay St. Louis.

“Once an official grand opening date is set, we will be looking forward to showing it off to the public.”

The new public safety complex, located next to the Bay St. Louis Fire Department, is “very much needed,” Mayor Mike Favre said during a tour of the facility last year after construction was completed, “not just for our police department, but for the community, as well. It’s long overdue.”

The old Bay St. Louis Police Department was demolished in November 2020 due to extensive black mold infestation. Since the demolition, Bay P.D. has been housed inside the city hall building on Hwy. 90, but officials say it’s been a little too cramped.

In May 2022, the Bay St. Louis City Council awarded the construction project to Gulfport-based Dan Hen-

sarling, Inc., which presented the lowest bid of \$4,193,000 for the project.

Schwartz said the new complex is approximately 10,000 square feet and will provide state-of-the art facilities for employees and citizens, including booking areas, holding cells, interview rooms, evidence storage, gun lockers, separate showers and locker rooms for the officers, and a forensics processing facility.

Mora opens registration for List of Life campaign

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Mississippi Organ Recovery Agency (MORA) is launching a new public service campaign aimed at increasing the number of Mississippians on the organ donor registry, or, as the campaign is aptly titled “List of Life,” to meet the growing list of patients in need.

A new patient is added to the national transplant waiting list every 9 minutes, and an average of 17 people die each day awaiting a lifesaving transplant that never comes.

One organ donor can save eight lives, and one tissue donor can save or improve the lives of 75 recipients or more.

MORA received agency support for the campaign development through the Chamber Chevron Community Creative Collaboration program known as 5C, sponsored by Chevron’s

Pascagoula refinery in Jackson County.

“With nearly 1,300 Mississippians and 100,000+ Americans in need of an organ transplant to survive, it is imperative to raise awareness about the need for people to register as organ, eye and tissue donors to save more lives,” said Trisha Byrd, Director of Community Relations & Services for MORA. “We are so grateful to Chevron for this assistance, and to all Mississippi media outlets for helping us create awareness for our List of Life.”

Add your name to the List of Life organ donor registry online in less than two minutes at registerme.org/listoflife.

For more information about the campaign, please call Trisha Byrd, Community Relations & Services Director, at (850) 259-1232.

Abigail Marlin of D’head Named to University of Evansville Dean’s List for Fall 2023 Semester

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Abigail Marlin, of Diamondhead, was named to the University of Evansville Dean’s List for the Fall 2023 semester. Marlin is studying Theatre Management at UE.

The University of Evansville is a private university located in Evansville, Indiana. Established in 1854, UE is recognized across the globe for a rich tradition of academic excellence with a vibrant campus community of changemakers. Home of the Purple Aces, UE offers over 75 majors, 17 Division I sports, and a unique study abroad experience at Harlaxton College in the United Kingdom.

Students at UE are named to the Dean’s List every fall and spring semester. To merit the honor of being placed on the Dean’s List, a student must have carried a full academic load of 12 hours or more and have earned a

grade point average of 3.5 or above.

The University of Evansville is a private, comprehensive university located in the southwestern region of Indiana. Established in 1854, UE is recognized across the globe for its rich tradition of innovative, academic excellence and vibrant campus community of changemakers.

For more information, please visit evansville.edu.

Kendyl Adam Named to SNHU Dean’s List

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Kendyl Adam of Bay Saint Louis (39520) has been named to Southern New Hampshire University’s Fall 2023 Dean’s List. The fall term runs from September to December.

Full-time undergraduate students who have earned a minimum grade-point average of 3.500 to 3.699 for the reporting term are named to the Dean’s List. Full-time status is achieved by earning 12 credits over each 16-week term or paired 8-week terms grouped in fall, winter/

spring, and summer.

Southern New Hampshire University (SNHU) is a private, nonprofit institution with a 91-year history of educating traditional-aged students and working adults. Learn more at www.snhu.edu.

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